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Scheduled official meetings

Monday, 21 October 2002

Security Council

10 a.m. . . . . 4629th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Election of five members of the International Court of Justice (S/2002/925, S/2002/926 and S/2002/927)

Ad Hoc Working Group on Africa on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa

3 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Consultations Room

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

3.30 p.m. . . . . 42nd meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 7

Security Council	An open meeting of the Security Council will be held on Tuesday, 22 October 2002, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item entitled "Strengthening cooperation between the United Nations system and the Central African region in the maintenance of peace and security". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263), as from Friday, 18 October 2002, between 9.30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m. 35th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

Election of five members of the International Court of Justice [15 (c)]

(a) Memorandum by the Secretary-General (A/57/305)

(b) List of candidates (A/57/306)

(c) Curriculum vitae (**A/57/307**)

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 1

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57, 58, 60-73):

Documents of the First Committee: *item 57* (A/57/263, A/57/263/Add.1); *item 58* (A/C.1/57/L.5); *item 60* (A/57/98-S/2002/705, A/C.1/57/L.47/Rev.1); *item 61* (A/57/166, A/57/166/Add.1, A/C.1/57/L.1); *item 62* (A/C.1/57/L.50); *item 63* (A/57/214, A/57/214/Add.1, A/57/214/Add.2, A/C.1/57/L.28); *item 64* (A/57/417-S/2002/1042, A/C.1/57/L.40); *item 65* (A/57/418, A/C.1/57/L.30); *item 66* (A/57/95, A/57/95/Add.1, A/57/95/Add.2, A/57/96, A/57/114, A/57/114/Add.1, A/57/114/Add.2, A/57/117, A/57/120, A/57/121, A/57/121/Add.1, A/57/121/Add.2, A/57/124, A/57/159, A/57/160, A/57/167, A/57/167/Add.1, A/57/209, A/57/210, A/57/221, A/57/221/Add.1, A/57/221/Corr.1, A/57/229, A/57/383, A/57/401, A/57/425, A/57/59, A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/57/92, A/C.1/57/L.2, A/C.1/57/L.3/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.7/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.7/Rev.2), A/C.1/57/L.8, A/C.1/57/L.9, A/C.1/57/L.10, A/C.1/57/L.12, A/C.1/57/L.14, A/C.1/57/L.17, A/C.1/57/L.18, A/C.1/57/L.19, A/C.1/57/L.21, A/C.1/57/L.23, A/C.1/57/L.24, A/C.1/57/L.25, A/C.1/57/L.26/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.32, A/C.1/57/L.33*, A/C.1/57/L.34, A/C.1/57/L.36, A/C.1/57/L.37, A/C.1/57/L.39, A/C.1/57/L.41, A/C.1/57/L.42, A/C.1/57/L.43, A/C.1/57/L.44, A/C.1/57/L.45, A/C.1/57/L.48, A/C.1/57/L.49/Rev.1, A/C.1/57/L.52, A/C.1/57/L.53, A/C.1/57/L.54); *item 67* (A/57/116, A/57/124, A/57/161, A/57/162, A/57/168, A/57/223, A/57/260, A/57/383, A/57/79-S/2002/551, A/C.1/57/L.11, A/C.1/57/L.15, A/C.1/57/L.16, A/C.1/57/L.20, A/C.1/57/L.29, A/C.1/57/L.35, A/C.1/57/L.38, A/C.1/57/L.51); *item 68* (A/57/27, A/57/42, A/57/302, A/57/335, A/57/342, A/C.1/57/L.6, A/C.1/57/L.13); *item 69* (A/57/454, A/C.1/57/L.27); *item 70* (A/57/181, A/C.1/57/L. 46); *item 71* (A/57/91, A/C.1/57/L.31); *items 72 (A/C.1/57/L.22) and 73* (A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/C.1/57/L.4/Rev.1); A/C.1/57/1, A/C.1/57/2, A/C.1/57/3, A/C.1/57/4, A/C.1/57/INF/1

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 1

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [78]

General debate

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 14th meeting Conference Room 2

3–6 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 2

Environment and sustainable development [87]

(b) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/57/189 and A/57/190)

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa (A/57/177)

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity (A/57/220)

(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/57/131 and A/57/444)

Introduction and general discussion

Statement by the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 4

Advancement of women [102]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.18

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (A/57/296, A/57/395 and A/C.3/57/L.7) [106]

Continuation of general discussion

3–6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 4

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (A/57/296, A/57/395 and A/C.3/57/L.7) [106]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 12th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Pattern of conferences (A/57/32, A/57/228, A/57/228/Add.1, A/57/228/Add.2, A/57/289, A/56/901 and A/57/472) [116]

Introduction and general discussion

2. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [114]

Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management on the current financial situation of the United Nations

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [112]

Decentralized budgetary and financial arrangements for central services (A/57/348 and A/57/7/Add.3)

Cooperation between headquarters departments and regional commissions (A/57/361, E/2002/15, E/2002/15/Add.1, E/2002/15/Add.2, E/2002/15/Add.3 and E/2002/15/Add.3/Corr.1 and A/57/7/Add.3)

Delivery of advisory services (A/57/363 and A/57/7/Add.3)

Plan to increase the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi (A/57/362 and A/57/7/Add.3)

Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all official languages of the Organization (A/57/355 and A/57/7/Add.2)

Introduction and general discussion

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations . . . . . [111]

Common Services (A/57/176 and A/57/7/Add.3)

Introduction and general discussion

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal (closed) consultations . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/57/11, A/57/60, A/57/65 and A/57/281-S/2002/895))

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. UNICEF recovery policy
2. Comprehensive review of the post structure of the United Nations Secretariat

Trusteeship Council

Sixty-third session

3–6 p.m. . . . . 1708th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda (T/1988)
2. Election of officers
3. Other matters

General Assembly

Open-ended informal consultations on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 6

Other meetings

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Monday, 21 October 2002

2002 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

9 a.m.–5.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 *(on agenda items 86 (c) and (d))*

9–10 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Informal meeting on the Third Committee draft resolution on the girl child

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Informal meeting on the Third Committee draft resolution on the girl child, organized by the delegation of Namibia [All interested delegations are invited.]

Open-ended informal consultations, organized by the delegation of Uruguay, on the Third Committee draft resolution on the rights of the child (agenda item 105)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room B

Presentation on "Biodiversity: its importance to human health", organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Conference Room 2

Presentation on "Biodiversity: its importance to human health", a project of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School, jointly organized by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Health Organization (WHO), in the context of the fifty-seventh General Assembly Second Committee's consideration of environment and sustainable development [Speakers will include : Dr. Eric Chivian, Director of the Harvard Center, and by Mr. Olivier Jalbert, Principal Officer for Social, Economic and Legal Affairs of the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.]

Briefing on the Fourth Global Forum on Reinventing Government

3–5 p.m.. . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Briefing for delegations, organized jointly by the Permanent Mission of Morocco and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on the Fourth Global Forum on Reinventing Government [More information on this event can be found on the Web at www.globalforum.ma.]

Informal consultations of the co-sponsors of the draft resolution on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment (under agenda item 109 (a))

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 21 October 2002

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Briefing by the Secretary-General's Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Tuesday, 22 October 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 18th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3 p.m. . . . . 14th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Second Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3 p.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 13th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Morning[1] . . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

3 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

[1] Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. 18th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 21, chaired by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will be held on Tuesday, 22 October 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Tuesday, 22 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6, and on Friday, 25 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Wednesday, 23 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, and on Thursday, 24 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

The Economic and Social Council will hold its next meeting of its resumed substantive session of 2002 (to take up all outstanding matters) on Friday, 25 October 2002.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-aligned Movement on Tuesday, 22 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Open-ended informal meeting on the joint initiative of France and Switzerland in the area on tracing, marking and record keeping of illicit small arms and light weapons

There will be an open-ended informal meeting, organized by the delegations of France and Switzerland, on the development of their joint initiative in the area of tracing, marking and record keeping of illicit small arms and light weapons. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 22 October 2002, from 3 to 5 pm. in Conference Room 4.

Round table co-sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs and the NGO Committee on Disarmament

There will be a round table on "Reducing the risk of biological weapons", co-sponsored by the Department for Disarmament Affairs and the NGO Committee on Disarmament, on Tuesday, 22 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C. H.E. Mr. Donald Mahley (United States), H.E. Mr. David Boucher (United Kingdom) and Prof. Matthew Meselson will be the speakers.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Gary De Rosa, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3980; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; email DeRosa@un.org).

Joint Meeting of the Economic Community of Central African States and the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa

There will be a joint meeting *(at the ministerial level)* of the Economic Community of Central African States and the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa on Wednesday, 23 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Group of 77 *(briefing on the Doha Process)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(briefing on the Doha Process)* on Wednesday, 23 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 9.

Briefing by the Executive Director of UNAIDS

There will be a joint briefing of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly, on Friday, 25 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 4 featuring a briefing by Dr. Peter Piot, Executive Director of UNAIDS, followed by an interactive discussion.

In his briefing, Dr. Piot will update delegations on the forthcoming report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the twenty-sixth special session (HIV/AIDS) and the status of the HIV/AIDS epidemic worldwide. He will, in addition, share his views on the way forward in the global response to the epidemic.

The briefing is jointly convened by the Chairmen of the Second and Third Committees, in preparation for the consideration of item 42, which will take place on 8 November 2002 in plenary session.

UNITAR workshop on international trade negotiations

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) are jointly organizing a workshop on international trade negotiations, as part of the International Trade Series. This workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York from Tuesday, 29 October to Friday, 1 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York. The registration deadline is Thursday, 24 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603, tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 6 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

UNITAR Seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly organizing a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties.

The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 and 13 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York.

The invitation to attend the seminar is extended not only to members of permanent missions, but also to members of the relevant ministries from capitals. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 5 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR Workshop Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has organized the new Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics. This programme is being implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel

Corporation, Inc. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which is currently being repeated four times a year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on (a) Introduction to Computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet Search Basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page Design Basics and Usability Techniques; and is geared towards all diplomats. The fifth module, which is conducted as an interactive seminar, covers "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology" and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff as well as non-governmental organizations.

The fourth and last cycle of the 2002 Series (conducted in English), which began on Friday, 4 October, will continue on every alternate Friday until 15 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) of the General Assembly

Delegations wishing to participate in the discussions in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on agenda item 78 entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" are requested to contact Ms. Janet Hizon, room S-2977M, (tel. 1 (212) 963-0388).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Friday, 18 October 2002

Security Council

4626th meeting

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and the provisional rules of procedure of the Council.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2002/27).

4627th meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of the Central African Republic, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and the provisional rules of procedure of the Council.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2002/28).

4628th meeting

The situation in Angola

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Angola, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1168, which was submitted by Bulgaria, France, Ireland, Norway, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1168) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1168) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1439 (2002).

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

First Committee

16th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work, namely, "Thematic discussion on item subjects and introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 57, 58 and 60-73.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.18), The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.47/Rev.1), South Africa (who introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/57/L.8, A/C.1/57/L.9, A/C.1/57/L.10, A/C.1/57/L.11, A/C.1/57/L.12, and A/C.1/57/L.17), Myanmar (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.43), Algeria, the Russian Federation (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.1), Mali (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.25), Algeria (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.31), the United States (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.54), Germany (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.45), Denmark (who spoke on behalf of the European Union), the Islamic Republic of Iran (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.32), Nigeria, India (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.49), Kenya and Iraq (who introduced draft resolution A/C.1/57/L.14).

The Secretary of the First Committee informed delegations that the following Member States have become co-sponsors of the following draft resolutions: A/C.1/57/L.4/Rev.1, Bangladesh, Brazil, Chile, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Malta, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Senegal and Solomon Islands; A/C.1/57/L.7, Brazil, Chile, India, Norway and Paraguay; A/C.1/57/L.20, Chile; A/C.1/57/L.25, Colombia, Croatia, Ethiopia, Malta, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia; A/C.1/57/L.31, Ukraine; A/C.1/57/L.33, Chile, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Liechtenstein and Solomon Islands; A/C.1/57/L.34, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, Chile, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Honduras, Jamaica, Kenya, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Trinidad and Tobago and Tuvalu; A/C.1/57/L.35, Solomon Islands; A/C.1/57/L.36, Solomon Islands; A/C.1/57/L.37, Chile, Fiji, Liechtenstein, and Solomon Islands; A/C.1/57/L.38, Chile, Solomon Islands and Thailand; A/C.1/57/L.39, Georgia; A/C.1/57/L.40, Solomon Islands; A/C.1/57/L.41, Georgia and Spain; A/C.1/57/L.42, Côte d'Ivoire, Italy and Ukraine; A/C.1/57/L.43, Iraq and Solomon Islands; A/C.1/57/L.44, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Solomon Islands; A/C.1/57/L.45, Israel, Solomon Islands and Turkey; A/C.1/57/L.46, Costa Rica, Liechtenstein and Paraguay; A/C.1/57/L.47/Rev.1, Austria, Liechtenstein and Russian Federation; A/C.1/57/L.52, Malaysia; A/C.2/57/L.53, India; A/C.1/57/L.50, A/C.1/57/L.51 and A/C.1/57/L.52, Solomon Islands; and A/C.1/57/L.54, Croatia, Czech Republic, Slovakia and Zambia.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

12th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [78]

The Under-Secretary-General for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

The Committee then moved into closed session for an interactive debate with the Under-Secretary-General.

Second Committee

13th meeting

Sectoral policy questions . . . . . [85]

(a) Industrial development cooperation

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.8

The representative of Venezuela introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such funds to the countries of origin

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.9

The representative of Venezuela introduced the draft resolution. on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation . . . . . [86]

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

(c) Culture and development

(d) High-level dialogue on strengthening economic cooperation for development through partnership

The Committee resumed its general consideration of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Kyrgyzstan, Armenia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Yugoslavia, Poland, Zambia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Viet Nam, Afghanistan, the Republic of Korea and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under sub-items 86 (a) to (d) was Tuesday, 22 October 2002, at 1 p.m.

Fifth Committee

11th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [110]

The Committee continued its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Auditor-General of the Republic of South Africa and Chairman of the Board of Auditors made a statement and replied to questions raised.

The Controller also replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin the same day, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ayman M. Elgammal (Egypt).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Sixth Committee

17th meeting — The summary of the 17th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2002/206).

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Trade and Development Board
Forty-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Thursday, 17 October 2002

935th plenary meeting — *Technical cooperation activities* . . . . . [7]

(a) Review of technical cooperation activities of UNCTAD

Mr. John Burley, Head, Resources Management Service, introduced the item.

The Chairperson of the thirty-ninth session of the Working Party (16-20 September 2002), Mrs. Fatima Al-Ghazali (Oman), reported on the outcome of its work.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated to the European Union – Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – as well as Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, also associated to the European Union), Portugal, Madagascar (on behalf of the African Group), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), Cuba (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Islamic Republic of Iran, China, Benin (on behalf of the Least Developed Countries), Belarus, United States, India, Switzerland and Norway.

The Board took note of the oral report of the Chairperson and endorsed the outcome of the Working Party at its thirty-ninth session. The Board adopted the draft decision in document TD/B/49/L.1 and endorsed the agreed conclusions in document TD/B/WP/L.109 and the draft decision in document TD/B/WP/L.108. The Board also took note of the statements made under this item and thus concludes its consideration of the item.

(b) Consideration of other relevant reports: Report on UNCTAD's assistance to the Palestinian people

The Coordinator of the Unit on Assistance to the Palestinian People introduced the secretariat's report (TD/B/49/9).

Statements were made by the observer for Palestine, the representatives of Egypt (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated to the European Union – Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – as well as Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, also associated to the European Union), Indonesia (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), Morocco, Israel and the Islamic Republic of Iran, the observer of the League of Arab States, as well as by the representatives of China, Tunisia, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, the United States and Algeria. The representatives of Israel and Egypt and the observer for Palestine exercised the right of reply.

The Board also took note of the statements made, as well as of the report prepared by the secretariat (TD/B/49/9) and thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Other matters in the field of trade and Development . . . . . [8]

Progressive development of the law of international trade: thirty-fifth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

The Board took note of the report of UNCITRAL on its thirty-fifth session (A757/17) and thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Follow-up decisions taken by the Board . . . . . [9]

Under this item, the President informed the Board that informal consultations on the financing of experts were continuing under the chairmanship of the Chairperson of the Working Party.

Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters . . . . . [10]

(a) Arrangements for the regular session of the Board

The Board decided to maintain the status quo and continue the existing arrangement for its regular session whereby it holds one regular session per year in the autumn. This consensus was based on the understanding that questions relating to the sessions of the Board could be taken up within the framework of UNCTAD XI.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Seventy-sixth session

Friday, 18 October 2002

2049th–2050th meetings

Submission of reports by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant . . . . . [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the third periodic report of Egypt (CCPR/C/EGY/2001/3).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Canada (18 October 2002)[1]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Declaration under articles 21 and 22: Peru (17 October 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Agreement relating to the implementation of Part XI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982. New York, 28 July 1994

Accession: Cuba (17 October 2002) [1]

Food Aid Convention, 1999. London, 13 April 1999

Ratification: France (17 October 2002) [1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

United Nations University: Book Launch

The launch of the book entitled *Governing Globalization. Issues and Institutions*, organized by the United Nations University, will take place on Monday, 21 October 2002, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Professor Deepak Nayyar, Vice Chancellor of the University of Delhi, editor and co-author, will be the main presenter. Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Columbia University, who is a contributor to the volume, will also speak on the occasion. The session will be chaired by Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General, Department of Economic and Soial Affairs. For more information, please contact the United Nations University Office in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-6387; fax 1 (212) 371- 9454; Web site www.ony.unu.edu. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. As seating is limited, kindly register on-line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm.

Women's International Forum

The Women's International Forum will meet on Tuesday, 22 October 2002, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Mia Farrow, UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador, will speak on the theme "Angola – New Peace and Ongoing Humanitarian Crisis".

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Asian States:
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Aldouri

Eastern European States:
Yugoslavia
H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
H.E. Mr. Philip Sealy

Western European and other States:

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H.E. Mr. Jeremy Greenstock

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
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